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1. Denmark may request Atlantic Pact invitation soon--US
Ambassador Marvel in Copenhagen has learned that the Danish Prime Minister has recently been assured of domestic political unity on the question of Danish inclusion in the North Atlantic Pact. Marvel therefore expects that following a meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee on 2 March, Denmark will request an invitation to join in the discussions on the Pact.
2. US suggests Dutch compromise on Republican capital--The
Department of State expresses to US Representative Cochran on the UN Commission for Indonesia the view that a Dutch compromise proposal, providing for the establishment of the Republican capital in Republican-held Sumatra instead of Jogjakarta, could be regarded as a bona fide response to the Security Council resolution on Indonesia. The Department has instructed Cochran to encourage immediate discussion on such a proposal in order that the Republican Government might be restored in Republican-held territory and that Dutch-Republican negotiations leading to a definite solution might begin in The Hague or some other place.
3. France conditionally accepts Berlin currency plan--US
Ambassador Caffery has received a note from French Foreign Minister Schuman which agrees to the conversion to the western mark as the sole currency in the western sectors of Berlin, on the condition that the problem not be brought up for full discussion by the Security Council at this time. Schuman feels that the Security Council President should be informed of the proposed action and that the Security Council should be allowed a reasonable period of time to determine its course of action. Schuman therefore considers that the

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currency changeover cannot be made by 10 March; he suggests 27 March or, if this date is technically inconvenient, 20 March. Schuman believes that the western powers should reconsider their decision if any unforeseen development should change the situation before the date set for the changeover.

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4. COLOMBIA: Possibility of military action against Peru--US Ambassador Beaulac in Bogota reports that, in reply to his direct question, the Colombian Foreign Minister indicated his country would probably retaliate with military action if the Colombian Embassy in Lima were attacked by a Peruvian mob in an attempt to seize APRA leader Haya de la Torre, who is now in asylum in that Embassy. Beaulac further reports that reinforcement of Colombian garrisons along the border is being expedited. [REDACTED] Colombia would attack the Peruvian military base at Guepi on the Putamayo River. US Embassy Lima reports that it has received no information indicating either troop concentrations or significant ground or air movements by the Peruvians in the vicinity of the Colombian border.

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(CIA Comment: CIA considers that there is a distinct possibility of an attack upon the Colombian Embassy. If such an attack should occur, Colombia would probably retaliate as indicated.)

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